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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 0515

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MARR, SN, UK

SUBJECT: AP STORY ON FUTURE CONTROL OF NAVAL BASIN

REFS: (A) STATE 022097; (B) EAST ASIA PACIFIC WIRELESS NO. 19  
JANUARY 28, 1976

1. WE HAVE NOTED ITEM IN EAS PRESS SUMMARY (REF A)  
AND EAST ASIA WIRELESS FILE (REF B) TO EFFECT THAT (A) SUBJECT  
OF FUTURE DISPOSITION OF UK NAVAL BASIN IN SINGAPORE AND U.S.  
BASES IN PHILIPPINES WAS DISCUSSED IN MARCOS-LEE TALKS, AND  
(B) LEE IS WILLING TO GRANT U.S. WARSHIPS ACCESS TO UK NAVAL  
INSTALLATION ONLY IF INVITED BY NEW ZEALAND. EMBASSY HAS  
ABSOLUTELY NO INFORMATION INDICATING THIS SUBJECT WAS  
RAISED DURING MARCOS VISIT (ALTHOUGH IT MAY HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED,  
AND WE HAVE ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO SUGGEST THAT THE GOS IS EVEN  
CONSIDERING POSSIBLE NEW ZEALAND INVOLVEMENT.

2. STORY IS BASED ON AP STORY REPORTING QUOTE INFORMED SOURCES  
UNQUOTE. AP REPRESENTATIVE IN SINGAPORE, WHITING, WHEN  
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CONTACTED, WAS UNWILLING TO DIVULGE SOURCE OF STORY TO PAO.  
NEW ZEALAND HIGH COMMISSIONER PEREN, WHEN INFORMED BY

AMBASSADOR OF SUBSTANCE OF AP STORY, DISCLAIMED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF IT. BRITISH DEFENSE ADVISER (UK HICOM) EXPRESSED COMPLETE SURPRISE OVER STORY AND ADVISED DATT THAT HICOM KNEW OF NO BASIS FOR IT. HE DID NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT PERMSEC IN SINGAPORE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE PANG TEE POW HAS SENT UK HICOM A LETTER REQUESTING A MEETING ON FEBRUARY 5 TO DISCUSS DETAILS OF BRITISH NOTE PROPOSING FUTURE DISPOSITION OF BERTHS SIX AND SEVEN OF NAVAL BASIN ALONG LINES OF U.S.-U.K. DISCUSSIONS.

3. COMMENT. WE CAN ONLY SPECULATE THAT AP OFFICE HAS PICKED UP OLD STORY OF EARLIER ATTEMPT TO INVOLVE NEW ZEALAND IN MANAGING NAVAL BASIN BERTHS AND JUMPED TO CONCLUSION THAT THE PROPOSAL WAS STILL CURRENT.  
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